250KG IVORY haul leads to arrest of nine suspects in Thailand's biggest smuggled ivory seizure in a decade

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Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
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Trump pushes back Iran's hardball, rejects terms for starting peace talks

Smoke rising from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the village of Zawtar al-Gharbiyeh in the southern Lebanese area of Marjeyoun | AFP

TEHRAN

IRAN said on Monday it had demanded the release of its frozen assets and the end of a US blockade of its ports, after US President Donald Trump angrily rejected Tehran's terms for starting negotiations to halt the West Asia war.

The sharp exchange of messages raised the spectre of a return to open conflict in the Gulf, sent oil prices soaring and dashed hopes that a deal could be quickly negotiated to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to commercial shipping.

Trump reacted with fury after Iran responded to the latest US proposal for peace talks with a counteroffer he deemed, in a brief social media post, "totally unacceptable". The exchange unnerved global energy markets, with crude prices rising by more than four percent before dropping back slightly in afternoon London trading and a top executive warning the crisis could last for years.

"The energy supply shock that began in the first quarter is the largest the world has ever experienced," the CEO and president of Saudi oil giant Aramco, Amin Nasser, told investors. "If the Strait of Hormuz opens today, it will still take months for the market to rebalance, and if its opening is delayed by a few more weeks, then normalisation will last into 2027," he said. Aside from energy — in peacetime a fifth of the world's oil and LNG exports pass through Hormuz — the world also faces a shorta ge of fertiliser, much of which comes from Gulf ports.

"We have a few weeks ahead of us to prevent what will likely be a massive humanitarian crisis," Jorge Moreira da Silva, executive director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), told AFP. "We may witness a crisis that will force 45 million more people into hunger and starvation."

Trump did not say what had offended him in Iran's response, but Tehran's foreign ministry said it had called for an end to the US naval blockade and to the war "across the region".

Crucially, ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei told reporters, Iran demanded the "release of assets belonging to the Iranian people, which have for years been unjustly trapped in foreign banks".

This would be not just a return to the status quo before the US and Israel launched the war on February 28 but a victory for the Islamic government's campaign against its economic isolation. *AFP*

Pak renews diplomacy, holds talks with US

ISLAMABAD

US Charge dAffaires Natalie A Baker on Monday held discussions with Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, focussing on the "regional situation" and bilateral ties.

According to Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO), Baker called on Dar to "discuss the evolving regional situation and the broader Pakistan-US bilateral relationship". Dar highlighted Pakistan's role in facilitating communication between the US and Iran, and expressed hope that ongoing diplomatic efforts would contribute to peace and stability in the region and beyond, the FO said.

The meeting took place a day after Pakistan, which is acting as a mediator in the West Asia conflict, confirmed receiving from Iran the response to a US peace proposal. But Donald Trump is learnt to have rejected Iran's response to the peace proposal as "totally unacceptable".

During Monday's meeting, Dar also appreciated the ongoing US assistance in the repatriation of Pakistani and Iranian seafarers through Singapore, the FO said.

The ongoing West Asia conflict, triggered by the US and Israel's joint strikes on Iran on February 28 and Tehran's subsequent retaliation, has remained under a ceasefire since April 8. Islamabad hosted one round of direct talks between Iran and the US on April 11, but the two sides failed to reach an agreement.

The Strait of Hormuz and Iran's nuclear enrichment programme remain key sticking points in the negotiations. *AP*

LEBANON URGES US TO REIN IN ISRAELI STRIKES

BEIRUT: Lebanese leaders urged the US ambassador to pressure Israel to halt strikes despite an April 17 ceasefire with Hezbollah. President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam raised the issue ahead of Lebanon-Israel talks in Washington later this week. Israeli attacks continued across southern Lebanon, with evacuation warnings issued for nine towns. Lebanon says 2,869 people have been killed in Israeli strikes since March 2, including dozens after the truce took effect. Israel said one soldier was killed near the border amid continuing clashes with Hezbollah fighters.

U.S. and French evacuees test hantavirus +ve

GRANADILLA DE ABONA

AN American citizen and a French woman evacuated from the cruise ship hit by a deadly hantavirus outbreak have tested positive, officials said, as the repatriation operation continued on Monday. Following the positive test results, Spain defended the rigour of its sanitary measures during the complex evacuation Sunday of 94 people of 19 different nationalities from the MV Hondius, which is moored in the Canary Islands.

The Dutch-flagged vessel has been at the centre of global concern after three passengers died following an outbreak of the rare virus, which usually spreads among rodents and for which no cure exists. Health officials have insisted that the risk to global public health is rare and dismissed comparisons to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The French woman, one of five evacuees from France placed in isolation in Paris, started to feel unwell on Sunday night, and "tests came back positive", Health Minister Stephanie Rist said.

Late Sunday, the US health department said one American national evacuated from the ship had "mild symptoms" and that another had tested positive for the Andes virus, the only hantavirus strain that is transmissible between humans.

Spain's health ministry said "all measures" had been taken to stop the virus spreading during the evacuations, in which medical teams escorted passengers from the ship to an airport on the island of Tenerife under close supervision and following health checks. It said the French patient "started to feel unwell during the flight and not while she was on the ship". The US citizen who tested positive "did not show symptoms when they were in Cape Verde", where the MV Hondius stopped before reaching the Canary Islands, the ministry said. "However, the US authorities have decided to treat the case as positive. For that reason, they requested a separate evacuation, which was carried out in a separate boat." In all, eight cases have been confirmed in the outbreak, and two more are listed as "probable", according to the World Health Organization. *AFP*

Hazmat-suited personnel board a US-bound flight carrying evacuees from the hantavirus-hit cruise ship | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Turkey-Syria border to reopen after 12 years

ISTANBUL: A key border crossing between Turkey and Syria will reopen to civilians on Tuesday after a 12-year closure, Turkish officials said. The Akcakale crossing, opposite Syria's Tal Abyad town, was shut in 2014 after Kurdish-led forces seized the area from Islamic State militants. The reopening marks another step in Syria's regional normalisation efforts.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Appendix - IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/ies Mortgaged/Charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **29.05.2026**, for recovery of below mentioned amount with future interest and costs due to the **Bank of Maharashtra** from the borrowers/guarantors as below mentioned.

1. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor : 1. M/s.Sri Kamadhenu Enterprises, Proprietor : D.Vinodhini, W/o.Senthil Kumar, No.3/29, Bharathy Nagar, Idaiyapatti, Salem - 636 114, Also at : D.Vinodhini, No.18/1-34/A3A, Thirunagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 114, **2. S.K.Senthil Kumar,** S/o.Kanagaraj, No.18/1-34/A3A, Thirunagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 114, **3. S.A.Kanagaraj,** S/o.Arumugam, No.205E, New No.40, Rangar Sannathi Street, Namakkal - 637 001, **4. K.Parameshwari,** W/o.Kanagaraj, No.18/1-34/A3A, Thirunagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 114.
Amount outstanding as on **06.05.2026 : Rs.1,11,72,511/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven only)** along with further interest at prevailing rates, costs, charges and other expenses **from 07.05.2026.**

2. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor : 1. M/s.Sri Venkateshwara Traders, Proprietor : SA Kanagaraj, 18/1-34/A3A, Thiru Nagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 001, **2. K.Parameshwari,** No.40/205E, Rangar Sannathi Street, Namakkal - 637 001.
Amount outstanding as on **06.05.2026 : Rs.3,45,00,954/- (Rupees Three Crores Forty Five Lakhs Nine Hundred and Fifty Four only)** along with further interest at prevailing rates, costs, charges and other expenses **from 07.05.2026.**

3. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor : 1. M/s. Sri Vrithika Traders, Proprietor : SK Senthil Kumar, S/o.Kanagaraj, No.18/1-34/A3A, Thirunagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 114, **2. SA Kanagaraj,** S/o.Arumugam, No.205E, New No.40, Rangar Sannathi Street, Namakkal - 637 001, **3. K.Parameshwari,** W/o.Kanagaraj, No.18/1-34/A3A, Thirunagar, Mohanur Road, Namakkal - 637 114.
Amount outstanding as on **06.05.2026 : Rs.48,63,012/- (Rupees Forty-Eight Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand and Twelve only)** along with further interest at prevailing rates, costs, charges and other expenses **from 07.05.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : (PROPETY COMMON FOR ALL ABOVE ACCOUNTS SL.NO.1 TO SL.NO.3) :
As per MOD No. 1600/2024 : Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of land together with the superstructure constructed thereon and to be constructed in future there at and situated in Namakkal Registration District, Namakkal Joint-I sub-Registration District, Namakkal Town Main Road (Salem to Trichy Main Road), S.No.535/4 corresponding to Town Survey Ward-C, Block-5, T.S.No.170. In these the land of 1527 Sq.ft bounded by the following **Boundaries :** East of Ranganathar Kovil Land & Adivaram, South of Palaniyandi Gounder house, West of Seethammal house, North of east west road goes Ranganathaswamy kovil. Within the above boundaries the land measuring east west on both sides 35 ½ ft north south on both sides 43ft totaling 1527 Sq.ft. And a RCC terraced building in it, Door Nos 50/204A, 50/1/204A1, 50/2/204A2 & 40/1/205D1, Water Connection Nos 051/016/900545, 051/016/900829, 051/016/900871 & 051/016/900831, Electric connection Nos 04-201-004-396, 04-201-004-560, 04-201-004-561, 04-201-004-812, 04-201-004-832, 04-201-004-836, 04-201-004-837 & 04-201-004-865. And all pathway and other rights shown in the deed, prior deeds and all easement rights.

Item No.1 as per MOD No.1600/2024 : Reserve Price : Rs.2,05,85,700/- EMD Amount : Rs.20,58,570/-

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of land together with the superstructure constructed thereon and to be constructed in future there at and situated in Namakkal Registration District, Namakkal Joint-I Sub-Registration District, Namakkal Town Main Road western side (Rangar Sannathi Adivaram northern side), old S.No.535/4 corresponding to Town Survey Ward-C, Block-5, T.S.No.153. In these the land of 602 Sq.ft bounded by the following **Boundaries :** North of 4 ½ ft wide common pathway belongs to Visalashi family, Thiripurasundari, Palaniyandi, Kanagaraj & Kubendrian, South of Government Girls School compound wall, East of Palaniyandi Terraced House, West of Thiripurasunthari land, Within the above boundaries the land **Measuring :** east west on both sides 15 ¼ ft, north south on both sides 39 ½ ft totaling 602 Sq.ft. And a RCC building in it, Door Nos 40/2, 40/3, 40/205E, Water Connection Nos 051/016/900956, 051/016/900434, Electric Connection Nos 04-201-004-552, 04-201-004-248 & 04-201-004-811. And all pathway and other rights shown in the deed, prior deeds and all easement rights.

Item No.2 as per MOD No.1600/2024 : Reserve Price : Rs.61,56,000/- EMD Amount : Rs.6,15,600/-

As per MOD No.2271/2024 : Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of land together with the superstructure constructed thereon and to be constructed in future there at and situated in Namakkal Registration District, Rasipuram Sub-Registration District, Singalanthapuram Village, S.No.366/10 extent 0.18.5 Hec assessment Rs.1.04. In these the land of 5655 Sq.ft & 16159 Sq.ft totaling 21814 Sq.ft. bounded by the following **Boundaries :** East of north south Etteri, West of Sendamangalam to Rasipuram Main road, North of remaining property of M.S.Ganesapillai vagaiara land, east west street, South of Periyanna chettiyar land. **Item-1 :** With in the above boundaries the land **Measuring :** east west 145 ft, north south 39 ft, totaling 5655 Sq.ft. **Item - 2 (item-1 on western side) :** With in the above boundaries the land **Measuring :** east west on northern side 147 ft, southern side 139 ft, north south on eastern side 133 ft, western side.93 ft totaling 16159 Sq.ft Both items totaling 21814 Sq.ft. In these after sold some extent of land and leaving path way the remaining property of 17657 Sq.ft bounded by the following **Boundaries :** East of north south Etteri, West of Mani land & 16 ft wide common path & land of S.A.Kanagaraj, North of remaining property of M.S.Ganesapillai vagaiara land, east west street, South of Periyanna chettiyar land. As per Sub-Division New Survey Number is 366/10A. And a tiled building in it, Door No.2/88A, now demolished. And all path way and other rights shown in the deed, prior deeds and all easement rights.

Item No.1 & 2 as per MOD No.2271/2024 : Reserve Price : Rs.1,53,36,900/- EMD Amount : Rs.15,33,690/-

4. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor : 1. Mrs.Manjula. R, 2/706F, Plot No.5, Ramanujar Nagar, Samundi Nagar Way, Erumapalayam, Salem, Tamilnadu - 636 015. **2. Ramesh Mahalingam,** 2/706F, Plot No.5, Ramanujar Nagar, Samundi Nagar Way, Erumapalayam, Salem, Tamilnadu - 636 015.
Amount outstanding as on **06.05.2026 : Rs.44,86,305/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Five only)** along with further interest at prevailing rates, costs, charges and other expenses **from 07.05.2026.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Item No.1 : In Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Dadagapatti Sub Registration District, Salem Town K Division, 3rd ward, Andipatti Village, T.S.No.396, Mitta Sy No.72, Paimash No.23, Patta No.3, Dry.Ext.Ac.6.31 cents, Asst.Rs.8.10.10, in this act Ac.1.35 cents, in this Re. Survey settlement S.Andipatti Village, Ward H, Block 6, New T.S.No.43/2A1, in this sub division Ward H, Block 6, New T.S.No.43/2A1AB, Door No.246, Taxation No.4174537, measuring an extent of 785 ½ sq.ft of land **Bounded as follows :** To the East of : 30 feet wide south to North pension Line main Road, To the west of : property belongs to Mr.Abdul Rahim and another, To the North of : Item II Property, To the South of : Property Belongs to Mrs. Thirumalayee. In the Midest **Measuring :**East to west on North Side : 41 ¼ feet, East to west on South Side : 41 ¼ feet, South to North on West side : 19'1" feet, South to North on East side : 19 feet. Totally measuring an extent of 785 ½ sq.ft of land with building constructed thereon along with common way and all easement rights. The above said property comes under the new Re survey settlement ward AA, Block 6, New Town Sy.No.184/1.
Item No.2 : In Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Dadagapatti Sub Registration District, Salem Town K Division, 3rd ward, Andipatti Village T.S.No.396, Mitta Sy No.72, Paimash No.23, Patta No.3, Dry.Ext.Ac.6.31 cents, Asst.Rs.8.10.10, in this act Ac.1.35 cents, in this Re. Survey settlement S. Andipatti Village, Ward H, Block 6, New T.S.No.43/2A1, in this sub division ward H, Block 6, New T.S No.43/2A1AB, Door No.246, Taxation No.4174537, measuring an extent of 154 Sq.ft. of land out of this undivided common Half share of 77 sq.ft of land **Bounded as follows :** To the East of : 30 feet wide south to North pension Line main Road, To the west of : property belongs to Mr. Abdul Rahim and another, To the North of : Property belongs to Mr. Abdul Rajak, To the South of : Item I Property. Totally admeasuring an extent of 154 Sq.ft of land out of this undivided common Half share 77 sq.ft of Land. Totally Two items measuring an extent of 862 ½ Sq.ft of land with building constructed thereon along with common way and all easement rights. The above said property comes under the new Re survey settlement ward AA, Block 6, New Town Sy.No.184/1. Owned by Manjula.R.

Reserve Price : Rs.53,21,700/- EMD Amount : Rs.5,32,170/-

DETAILS OF E-AUCTION SALE:

Date and time of e- Auction : 29.05.2026 (Friday) between 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM
(with auto extension for 5 minutes in case bid is placed within last 5 minutes)

Inspection of properties : From 12.05.2026 (Tuesday) to 27.05.2026 (Wednesday) between 11.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and for participating in e-auction, please refer to the link "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/asset-for-sales-search' provided in the Bank's website and also on PSB Alliance e-bkray portal https://ebkray.in/eauction-psb/x-login.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" "Whatever there is"** and **"without recourse"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. No.	NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S / GUARANTOR/S / MORTGAGOR/S	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Total Dues	Date and Time of E-Auction	1.Reserve Price 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	**Cash Credit (Account No. 36800500005914)** **Borrower:** **M/s.Sri Ritheeswaran and Co** **Prop. Mrs.Kalairasi,** W/o Sathish N 197/D137, TNHB Colony, Kollapatty, Tiruchengode, Namakkal Dist -637214	**Property No.1: Property belonging to Late Mrs.N.Pushpa - Item No.1 Document No.504/1995 & Date 09.03.1995-** Namakkal District, Namakkal Regn.District, Tiruchengode Taluk, Tiruchengode Sub Regn District, Andipalayam Village Old S.No.27/2D (old S.No.27/2D3), New S.Nos.27/2D1, 27/2D3B, Extent/Areas of Land 2185 sq.ft.**Measurement-** East West both side 46 feet, North South both side 47 ½ feet.**Boundary-** East of Palanisamy property, West of Chinnaponnan @ Ramasamy land in this S.No.27/1C, North of S.Muthaiya land in this S.No.27/2D, South of 7-1/2 feet width common road. **Item No.2: Document No.1067/1993 & Date 19.05.1993-**Namkkal District, Namakkal Regn District, Tiruchengode Taluk, Tiruchengode Sub Regn District, Andipalayam Village, Old S.No.27/2D (old S.No.27/2D3), New S.Nos. 27/2D1, 27/2D3B, Extent/Areas of Land 1638-3/4sq.ft. **Measurement-** East West Northside 30 feet, Southside 39 feet, North South both side 47-1/2 feet. **Boundary-** East of Item No.1 property, West of Chinnaponnan @ Ramasamy land in this S.No.27/1C, North of S.Muthaiya land in this S.No.27/2D, South of 7-1/2 feet width common road. Total Extent 3823.75 sqft of Land and buildings thereon. **Property No.2-Property belonging to Mrs.S.Kalaiarasi-Document No.1503/2010 & Date 17.02.2010-**Namakkal District, Namakkal Regn.District, Tiruchengode Taluk, Tiruchengode Sub Regn District, Andipalayam Village, S.No.35/2,3A, 3B,4,5B & 34/2C, S.P.K.Nagar House site No.130 situated in Survey No.35/5B, New S.No.35/5B1A. **Measurement-** East West Both side 40 feet, North South both side 60 feet in Total measuring an extent of 2400 Sq.ft. **Boundary-** East of House Site No.131, West of House Site No.129, North of 23 feet breadth east to west lay out road and South of House Site No.124. This property situated In Survey No.35/5B along with the right of enjoyment of all mamool roads in the lay out plan and as well as itteri thadam roads in Survey Nos.34/2B, 34/2D, 34/2F and all other roads in East to West and North to South in the lay out Road for to and fro and for men.Cart, vehicles etc and situated within the limit of Andipalayam Village Panchayat.	**Rs.77,63,286/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Six only) Plus unapplied interest, Legal and other expenses from 02.02.2026**	**22.06.2026** **14.00 hours to 18.00 hours (2.00 pm to 6.00 pm)**	**Property 1 :** **1.Rs.61,30,000/-** **2.Rs.6,13,000/-** **3.Rs.25,000/-** **Property 2 :** **1.Rs.25,90,000/-** **2.Rs.2,59,000/-** **3.Rs.25,000/-**	**Property 1 : Symbolic** **Property 2 : Symbolic**	**19.06.2026** **11.00 hours to 15.00 hours (11.00 am to 3.00 pm)**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 04288-259155, 259255, 9489205987.

DATE : 08.05.2026
PLACE : TIRUCHENGODE

Authorised Officer
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